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1. The amendment filed June 7, 2002 as Paper number 14, is regarded as non-responsive. Paper number 14 is titled "Third Preliminary Amendment" and it contains an amendment to claims 38-41, 43, 44, 59, 60, 64 and 66, however the said claims as well as claims 42, 45-58, 61-63 and 65 were not present in the application as originally filed. As originally filed the application only contained 37 claims and a restriction/election requirement was based solely on those 37 claims. Furthermore, Paper #14 has referenced attorney docket number LUD-5353.5 JEL/NDH (10016358), which is not the attorney docket number of record and does not correspond to the instant application. Applicants have elected Group I (claims 22-36). This response will be held in abeyance until Applicants clarify the amendment. Applicants' attention is directed to 37 C.F.R. 1.121, Manner of Making Amendments. It is required that Applicants proofread and carefully review the amendment filed June 7, 2002, taking into account the claims as they are currently written and make appropriate changes as required, with a new amendment.
2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS**, from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Alana M. Harris, Ph.D., Art Unit 1642, whose telephone number is (703)306-5880. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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